GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POLLUTION IN POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power projects cause environmental pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to minimize the pollution caused by these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Thermal Power Stations during their operation release SuspendedParticulate Matter (SPM), ash, Sulphur Oxide (Sox), Nitrogen Oxide (Nox) and also discharge water effluents which may cause environmental pollution.

The Government has notified environmental protection rules under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986. These rules provides for norms to limit the suspended particulate matter discharges, ambient air quality standards and water quality discharges standards. The compliance of norms and standards prescribed by the Government under the Act are monitored by the State and Central Pollution Control Boards so as to ensure that the emissions and discharges are within the regulatory standards prescribed by the Government.